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Secretary's Advisory Council on Child Welfare
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Meeting Summary

Participants:

Oriana Carey, Rosemary Davis, John Elliott, Linda Hall, Lance Jones, Brenden McKinney, Jesus Mireles, Wanda Montgomery, Bill Orth, Megan Smith, Ken Taylor, Jackie Tiller, John Tuohy, Larry Winter, Crystal Lipek, Connie Palmer, Jackie Gruber, Teri Zywicki, David Titus, Linda Davis, Fredi Bove, Eloise Anderson.

Meeting Summary:

Welcome

- Welcomed David Titus as citizen member of the council
- Welcomed Larry Winter as new co-chair

New Council Format

- Reviewed new quarterly meeting structure- Next meeting is September 21st
- Discussed and recommended moving the December Meeting to December 14th
- Reviewed committee structure
- Add an agenda item on future council meetings to discuss emerging issues or trends that members are seeing in the child welfare system

Committee Updates

- Disproportionality- Reviewed the disproportionality direction and the council recommend that the department continue down its current path of analyzing the data and do the following:
 - Break down the data by county
 - Do a deeper dive into the data around key child welfare outcomes
 - Have a follow-up conversation with the council at the 3rd quarter meeting to determine next steps in using the data and potentially interacting with a county to pilot a program to reduce disproportionality
- Legislative- reviewed a list of current bills, the main issues and status. Determined that is status report should be updated and provided at future quarterly meetings
- PIP/Budget and Health Care for Kids in Out-Of-Home Care- Fredi gave an update on the progress of the PIP, the departments budget and the initiative led by DHS on health care for kids in out-of-home care

The Center on Child Welfare Policy and Practice

- Jennifer Noyes and Kristi Shook-Slack gave an overview of the purpose and mission for the new center. The presentation is posted on the DCF website.

LaFollette Child Welfare Finance Study

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- John Elliot gave a very brief overview of the study. The study and its presentation can be found and down loaded on the DCF and or LaFollette website.

New Committees

- John Elliott gave a brief overview of the department Fatherhood initiative. Please note that the project is currently being revised and an updated project overview will be posted on the DCF website in the near future.
- The council discussed the committees that they would like to continue and form to assist the department in their efforts. The following committees were identified:
 - Ad/Hoc Legislative Committee (this would continue)
 - Disproportionality (this would continue)
 - Parent Resources
 - Fatherhood
 - Trauma informed care serving parents

The council also discussed the formation of a committee on post-permanency services but determined that WCHSA is already looking at this issue and WCHSA members of the council could inform the overall council of its work.

Next Steps

- Larry and Ken will reach out to members for identification of committee they would like to be part of. Committees should then meet before the next quarterly meeting, select a chair, identify keys issues and set an agenda for the remainder of the year.